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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting with AECASSOWARY-2 & 4

1. The undersigned case officer met with the representatives of the AECASSOWARY-1 organization in New York City on 14 March. The meeting has a two fold purpose: (1) to explain the reason we were unable to utilize L. ORTYNSKY; and (2) to organize a study of Soviet Security activities against the Ukrainian underground.

2. AECASSOWARY-2 was given a run down on the information received by the undersigned from [ ] , Chief of the Medical Division, regarding the tubercular condition of Mr. ORTYNSKY. Briefly, Mr. ORTYNSKY was brought to the United States under a private bill sponsored by Congress. He was sent to a sanitarium in North Dakota by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to determine the extent of his tubercular condition and attempt a possible cure. Mr. ORTYNSKY was released approximately 3 weeks ago and is now in New York City. According to [ ] , Mr. ORTYNSKY has a lesion in one of his lungs which has been contained. It is approximately the size of a golf ball and contains almost a pure culture of tuberculosis bacilli. Mr. ORTYNSKY failed to respond to the anti-biotic treatments and surgery was recommended. Mr. ORTYNSKY refused and was discharged from the hospital since nothing further could be done. It was explained to AECASSOWARY-2 that Mr. ORTYNSKY could become an active TB case and carrier within the period of one hour should the lesion erupt. [ ] : further stated that the man must be given special consideration since over exertion would be dangerous to his condition. [ ] further stated that Mr. ORTYNSKY's refusal for surgery was the European medical attitude toward TB patients. It seems that European medicine does not believe in surgery for tuberculosis unless it becomes aggravated and the patient begins to expectorate blood.

AECASSOWARY-2 was understanding and asked if surgery would assure some success in eliminating Mr. ORTYNSKY's condition. The undersigned case officer stated that in the opinion of our Medical Staff there was an excellent chance. This matter ended.

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3. It has been generally accepted through out the Agency that some of the most concerted efforts of the Soviet Security forces in its attempts to eliminate underground movements have been directed against the Ukrainian partisans. To learn the lessons from this effort several studies have been proposed which would utilize that information available to the Agency from former Ukrainian partisans. The last such proposals came from a [ ] in RQM/OIS. [ ] suggested that DOB undertake such a study since the information obtained and the lesson learned would be of tremendous assistance under the AEREADY Program. SR/DOB through the undersigned case officer and [ ], Chief, SR/7, agreed. This proposal was made to AECASSOWARY-2 with the understanding that this was not a firm commitment but a speculative gesture to determine the feasibility of such an undertaking. Also it would provide an opportunity for a Ukrainian scholar to be employed in the DOB covert associate complex as a specialist in his field. AECASSOWARY-2 stated his approval of such a work with the statement that he was pleased that the United States Government was aware of the Ukrainian underground movement. He endorsed it further by stating that all the information available to him as the foreign representative of the Ukrainian movement in the West would be made available to the person making the study.

4. It is expected that the person selected for the study would be placed in the Guam Hall complex and retained as a DOB contract employee at a salary of approximately \$5,000 a year. It is necessary that the person retained should be sympathetic to the Ukrainian underground movement since it is assumed that in the event of a hot war nearly all of the Agency's efforts in the Ukraine will through AECASSOWARY-2. AECASSOWARY-2 was told to think about his nominations and submit the names at the next contact. No definite time or place was set.

5. Regarding the AECUPBOARD Program, AECASSOWARY-2 stated that he had sent 3 packages to the Ukraine.

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